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ALTERNATIVE 5 PROCESS FOR CERTIFICATION

TO: Persons requesting information about teacher certification via the Alternative 5 Site Based Certification Plan (Ed 505.05)

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RE: Eligibility to pursue the ALTERNATIVE 5 PROCESS

In order for this office to determine if you are eligible to pursue the Alternative 5: Site Based Certification Plan for teacher certification, you must submit the following information:

- 1) A letter of intent to pursue Alternative 5 for a specific teacher certification area (i.e. English, Art, etc.)
- 2) Official college transcript(s) of Bachelor's Degree (and any other coursework) with embossed seal(s) and registrar signature(s). Please note: course descriptions may be requested when file is reviewed.
- 3) If NH certified – \$50 fee. If **NOT** NH certified – Application and \$50.00 fee.
- 4) A letter of eligibility will be issued to candidates who possess:
 - a) A Bachelor's Degree with a 30 credit major in the subject to be taught and an overall grade point average of 2.5 FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AREAS.
 - b) A Bachelor's Degree with a four year arts and science background, including a major and an overall grade point average of 2.5 FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Any person seeking initial certification via Alternative 5 must pass the Praxis I – Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or Computer Based Test (CBT) before proceeding through the Alternative 5 process. The State Department of Education will also consider other tests mandated by other state departments of education that are comparable to the PRAXIS I and II. Please contact the Bureau of Credentialing for further information.

Any person seeking initial certification via Alternative 5 in Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English/ Language Arts, General Science, Middle School Mathematics, Physical Science, Physics, Secondary Mathematics, and Social Studies must pass Praxis I and Praxis II (Subject Assessment Test) before proceeding through the Alternative 5 process.

If a person is already New Hampshire certified in another area, it is not necessary to take Praxis I.